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SUBJECT: CHARGES BY MEXICAN SCIENTIST

1. THE LOCAL PRESS HERE PUBLICIZED JULY 16 AN ALLEGED CHARGE BY A LEADING MEXICAN SCIENTIST JORGE VIVO, DIRECTOR OF THE GEOGRAPHIC RESEARCH CENTER OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MEXICO, THAT THE UNITED STATES CAUSED THE DEATH OF EIGHT THOUSAND PEOPLE BY CHANGING THE DIRECTION OF HURRICANE FIFI LAST SEPTEMBER TOWARDS HONDURAS. THE ARTICLE REPORTED VIVO S STATEMENT WAS PUBLISHED IN THE DAILY EL SOL, ALLEGING THE U.S. USED SILVER IODIDE TO MOVE THE DIRECTION OF THE HURRICANE AWAY FROM FLORIDA. VIVO CLAIMED THE HURRICANE WOULD HAVE BLOWN ITSELF OUT IN THE REGION OF RIO PANUCO IN MEXICO BUT THE HURRICANE WAS IN FACT DIVERTED INTO HONDURAS.

2. THE ARTICLE CONTINUED THAT THIS IS PART OF SYSTEMATIC PLAN CARRIED OUT BY THE U.S. WEATHER BUREAU ON ALL THE HURRICANES IN THE CARIBBEAN AND IMPLIED THIS MIGHT ALSO BE THE REASON FOR RECENT DROUGHTS IN OTHER AREAS OF THE CARIBBEAN.

3. WE HAVE HEARD THE ARTICLE IS THE SUBJECT OF PRIVATE COMMENT LOCALLY, AND WE MAY, IF SUBJECT COMES UP AGAIN IN PRESS, COMMENT BY A LETTER TO APPROPRIATE NEWSPAPER. IT WOULD HOWEVER UNCLASSIFIED

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BE HELPFUL FOR ANY INFORMATION THE DEPARTMENT OR MEXICO CITY

COULD GIVE US IN ORDER TO PREPARE A COMMENT OR TO RESPOND TO
INQUIRIES ABOUT THE MATTER. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT VIVO IS
LEADING SCIENTIST, AND FOR THIS REASON HIS CHAREGES HAVE
ATTRACTED ATTENTION HERE.
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